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Royal Baby "Angelle"

Belfast, Dec. 12.—The first public description of Princess Elizabeth's son was given tonight by Countess Granville, wife of the Earl of Granville, Governor of Northern Ireland, and sister of Queen Elizabeth. She said: "He couldn't be more angelic looking", and added that the baby was golden-haired with a most beautiful complexion, and had "amazingly delicate features for so young a baby".—Reuter.

TWO KILLED IN CRASH

Twenty Passengers Escape Injury

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—A CNAC DC-3 transport plane crashed near Taipei, Formosa, on Sunday morning in thick weather, killing the pilot and co-pilot.

Three persons were seriously injured, but 18 others aboard the plane were reported to have escaped injury.

The plane was enroute from Shanghai to Taipei in thick weather. It presumably crashed after exhausting its gasoline supply, trying to find Taipei aerodrome.

The report here said the flight operator and two passengers were seriously injured. The remainder of the 20 passengers all reportedly escaped injury. All were understood to be Chinese.—Associated Press.

Thames Collision

London, Dec. 12.—Lloyds Intelligence reported today that the Swedish liner, Suceia (7,210 tons) collided with the 2,865 tons British collier, Cernist, when leaving Tilbury Docks last evening for Gothenburg, but was able to continue her voyage.

The bulwarks on the starboard side of the Suceia were damaged, the report added. The Cernist was able to proceed up the river Thames on her journey from the Northumberland, was not known whether she was damaged.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Can The Reds Govern?

THE two-day House of Commons debate on British foreign policy did not produce very much more information than that already divulged through recent events, and Opposition criticism amounted to nothing more than half-hearted disagreement with the Government's means, rather than its ends. Mr Churchill attempted to steal the spotlight from Mr Bevin by some blunt questions and accusations, but as both were met with firm replies they were robbed of their sting. To Hongkong, chief interest in the debate rested in the occasional references to the Far East which made two things clear: Britain cannot come to the rescue of the Nanking Government in any shape or form. Hongkong is to remain a British possession whatever happens in China. And there was a strong inference in Mr Bevin's carefully chosen words about Britain's attitude to the Chinese civil war that she expects and hopes to continue trade relations with whatever central authority exists in China. The 1945 Moscow agreement was quoted by the British Foreign Secretary as the basic reason for non-intervention in the Chinese civil war, and it is not without significance that the same agreement is now being referred to in Washington, presumably with the intention of paving the way for an announcement that the United States cannot commit herself to any additional assistance for the Nationalist Government. The conclusion to be reached is that both Britain and America feel that the Chiang regime has expended itself and that events within China must now have

NATIONALISTS ABANDON TONGSHAN COAL MINES

Grave N. China Loss

PEIPING PUZZLED

Peiping, Dec. 13.—Nationalist abandonment of the great Tongshan coal mining area—with mines and equipment left intact—was confirmed on Monday.

Earlier, private reports that the Government's largest remaining coal source had been left for the Communists was confirmed by an official of the Kailan Mining Administration, famed British-Chinese concern which owns the mines.

The official, reached by telephone in Tientsin, said points abandoned besides Tongshan, 65 miles Northwest of Tientsin, include the colliery town of Kuyeh, 15 miles farther Northeast.

The earlier reports had been that nothing had been destroyed in the Tongshan area on special orders of the Government's North China Commander, General Fu Tso-yi. More than 1,000,000 tons of mined coal was reported stockpiled there.

Abandonment of Tongshan, which General Fu's Headquarters refused to admit, strengthened the almost general conviction that some kind of compromise with the Reds is in the making in North China.

All quarters in Peiping were frankly puzzled over the Nationalist withdrawal from Tongshan.

General opinion is that the people of Peiping may also suddenly find the Nationalists gone, and the Communists in.

Tongshan is commonly regarded as the stepping stone to Tangku, Tientsin's seaport and only supply port available to Gen. Fu's armies.

General Fu's headquarters confirmed private reports of fighting around Changping, walled town 20 miles Northeast of Peiping.

Loss of Changping would doom Nankou at the Southern end of the Nankou pass and effectively choke any possible escape of General Fu's troops in the Peiping area. Train service between Peiping and Nankou has been suspended.

General Fu's headquarters also claimed that 2,000 Reds were killed and wounded on Saturday in fighting around Nankou.

Nationalists were mopping up the Communists on the railroad South-East of Kailan.—Associated Press.

Tientsin, Dec. 13.—According to railway authorities, the withdrawing forces from the Tongshan mining area which passed Tangku are being returned to Hanku, where the Government is massing these forces.

Hanku is located 73 kilometres east of Tientsin, 30 kilometres from Tangku, 50 kilometres west of Tongshan and just below Lutai, midway between Tangku and Tongshan.

Meanwhile, Tongshan is assuming the role of No Man's Land between the Communists at Linsi and the Nationalists at Hanku.

While no estimate can be made of the value of the Tongshan mines, which are owned by the Sino-British Kailan Mining Administration, it is sufficiently indicated by the peak output of 20,000 tons daily and a current output of about 15,000 tons.

Accumulated in the mining area through lack of transport are piles of almost 1,000,000 tons, while the total personnel depending upon the mines for their livelihood exceed 30,000 employees and labourers.—Reuter.

FU'S DENIAL

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—General Fu Tso-yi's Headquarters in Peiping last night denied Tientsin reports that Tongshan was evacuated early yesterday.

The Tongshan authorities instituted emergency measures early on Sunday when all traffic, excepting military, were suspended and railway cars were concentrated.

Soon troops filed aboard the trains, which moved westward while Government personnel were clearly perturbed by the sudden development.

However, it is believed that Tongshan's municipality subsequently also withdrew to Lutai, midway between Tangku and Tongshan.

Meanwhile, the Kuyeh station, just northward of Tongshan, was in confusion as word spread that the Communists had entered Kuyeh's outskirts and were already established at Linsi, one mile away.

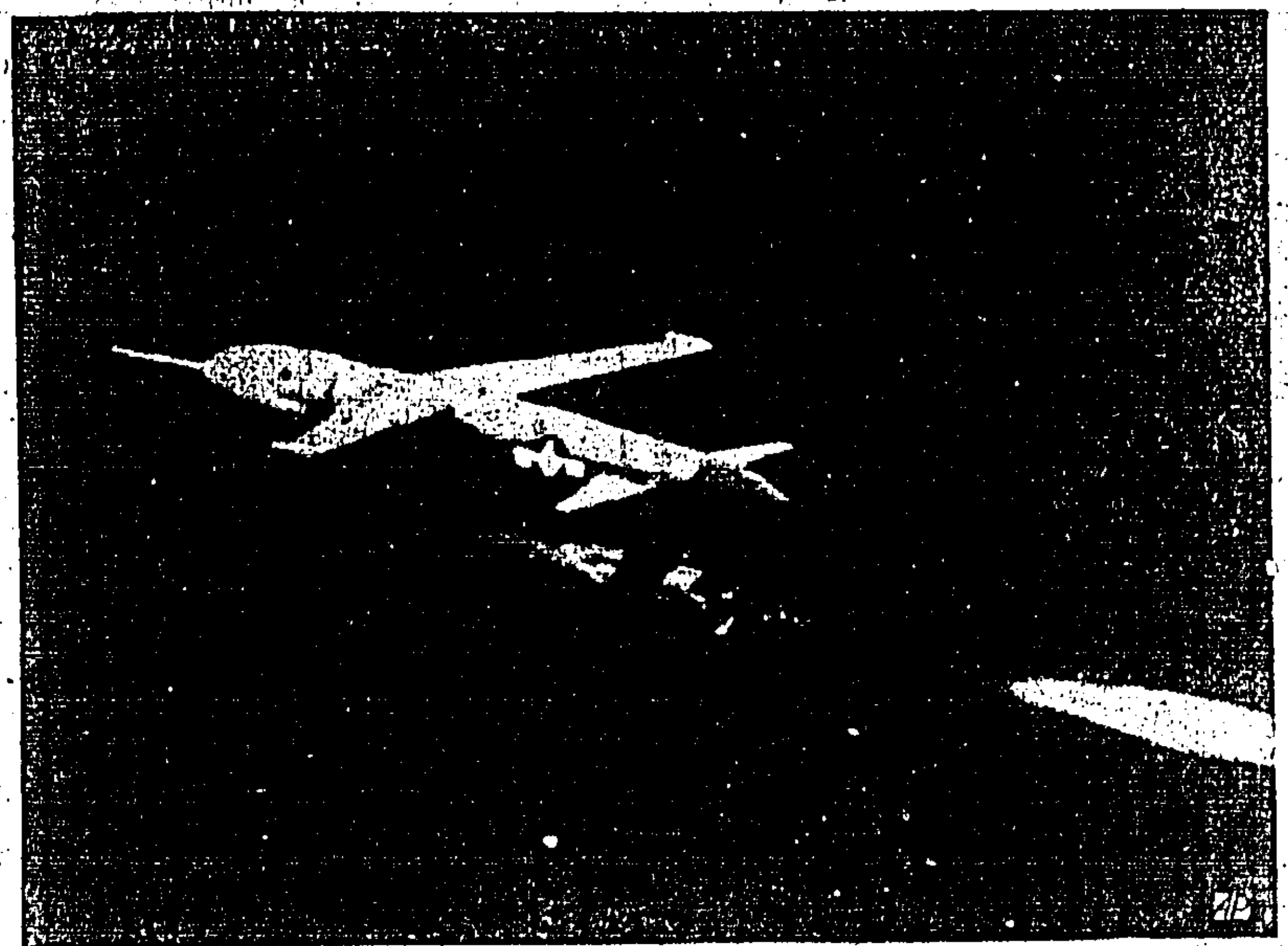
The dependence of North China's cities upon the Kailan Mines cannot be over-emphasized and their preservation during the present upheaval is dictated by numerous considerations, including China's own rehabilitation needs.

Besides, Tongshan there are pits at Machinkou, Chokechwang, Tangchichung and Linsi. All the coal pits are within a ten-mile area.

Chinese reports reaching Tientsin continue referring to the Nationalists as re-deploying in preparation for expected decisive fighting in East Hopei, but with the reported abandonment of Tongshan, the so-called Peiping-Tientsin-Tongshan triangle is reduced to a narrow corridor from Peiping down to Tientsin and Tangku harbour.—Reuter.

PREPARES FOR BATTLE

Tungshien, Hopei, Dec. 13.—This small, shoddy walled town 12 miles east of Peiping is preparing for battle. It was learned that Premier Sun Fo was leaving for the capital in response to a summons by Generalissimo Chiang.—Associated Press.



Salvation Of S'hai

CIVIC AND GOVT. LEADERS MEET

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—More than 1,000 local civic and Government leaders and representatives of various public bodies attended a mass meeting yesterday morning called by Mr Tu Yue-hsen, Chairman of the City Chamber of Industry and a City Councilor.

The gathering marked the inauguration of the "Shanghai Self Salvation and National Salvation Association", designed to strengthen the defence of Shanghai.

Among those present were the Mayor, Mr K. C. Wu, the Garrison Commander, General Chen Tachin, as well as the visiting Nanking-Shanghai Garrison Commander in Chief, General Tang En-po.

In his speech, Mr Tu emphasized the necessity and importance of mobilising the power of the people to enhance social security as well as urge political and social renovation. He said most people are concerned over the development of the war situation and American aid.

"If foreigners ask us what we are doing in the rear, what shall we answer?" he asked. "If we pass all responsibility to the hands of foreigners we are not fulfilling our duties towards our nation and towards ourselves."

He said efforts should be made to co-ordinate the power of the Government and the people and, at the same time, he added, the Government should also improve and make renewed efforts.

General Tang followed with a speech in which he said the safety of Shanghai has an important bearing not only on the whole of the China situation, but on world peace at large.

General Tang said efforts to save Shanghai should integrate with those of saving China. Shanghai will become isolated again should the city be saved from Communism while the nation sinks.—Reuter.

SUN FO LEAVES

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—Premier Sun Fo left hospital with plans for a new Cabinet still secret. The Chinese press said formation of a government has been tentatively decided but will not be announced prior to approval by Chiang Kai-shek.

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The Gorgon IV (PTV-N-2), a pilotless aircraft built for the Navy by the Glenn L. Martin Co. to test ramjet engines in free controlled flight, shoots over waters of the Pacific off Point Mugu, Calif., after launching from a Black Widow fighter, modified to be the mother aeroplane for the test. Black background is the Pacific; light dots are white caps on waves. The Gorgon IVs made the longest sustained flights ever made by pilotless aircraft. They were piloted by remote control and tracked by radar. Flights lasted more than 10 minutes.—AP Picture.

Mediterranean Defence Pact Next On The List

London, Dec. 12.—It was officially indicated today that once the Atlantic Pact, now under discussion in Washington, had been concluded, the Western powers expected to turn their attention to a Mediterranean defence treaty.

It is felt the Mediterranean represents a gap in the global security system which the Western Union nations, together with the United States and Canada, are carefully building up against possible Soviet aggression, a spokesman declared.

Italy would play a large part in the new pact, it is believed, and the suggestion is that negotiations might well take into account the settlement of the fate of the former Italian colonies in North Africa. These include vital strategic aid and sea bases like the naval harbour of Tobruk, the port of Tripoli and the group of airfields stretching along the Tripolitanian-Libyan coastal strip.

Nothing as yet has been outlined as the framework for the Mediterranean pact as all energies at present are concentrated on the Atlantic treaty. The discussions in Washington are expected to go ahead for at least another fortnight before any decision will be made regarding invitations to be handed out to the various "foundation" members who are expected to join the Atlantic accord.

Inclusion of Italy in the Brussels treaty is unlikely, it was declared, because she would not fit into the military plan now being hammered out for defence in the West. This envisages joint action by the British, the Rhine and the English Channel, a sphere of action in which Italy could not be expected to play a part because of her geographical position.

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Tel-Aviv, Dec. 12.—Israeli Government quarters in Tel-Aviv were confident tonight that a settlement was possible between the Jews and King Abdullah of Transjordan.

It was understood in these quarters that "some progress" had been made in the past few days in the Jewish-Arab peace talks. The negotiations with Transjordan were believed to be further advanced.

Transjordan and the Lebanon have already accepted the United Nations call for Palestine armistice conditions. Iraq was unofficially reported here to be considering likewise.

An Israeli spokesman said in Tel-Aviv tonight that the Jewish commander in the Jerusalem area, Lieutenant Colonel Moshe Dayan, had told a Jewish Arab commander, Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah El Tel, that any future talks should aim at an armistice and later a permanent peace.

Colonel Abdullah El Tel was reported to have replied that he was referring the matter back to the Transjordan Government.

FOURTH MEETING

This was the fourth meeting in Jerusalem of Jews and Arabs sponsored by the United Nations. Colonel Dayan is reported to be holding a mandate from the Israeli Government to make a peace settlement. Some observers here are considering the possibility that the Jews may be trying hard to reach a settlement with Transjordan and thus a wedge in the Arab League.

Nothing was known in Tel-Aviv tonight about the arrival of the United Nations Conciliation Commission appointed yesterday. The establishment of the Commission was greeted with cautious satisfaction in Israeli Government quarters here.

OPEN ROAD

Informed quarters in Tel-Aviv said tonight that the Jewish and Arab commanders in Jerusalem today agreed to open the road to Bethlehem, now in Arab hands. This will enable Christians to make their Christmas Eve pilgrimage to Christ's birthplace.

The road is partly controlled by the Jews and partly by the Arabs. No details of the agreement have yet been released, but it is understood the Jews have agreed that buses shall be driven from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by Christians.

Mr William Bartlett, the United States Vice-Consul in Jerusalem, said today that various consultations in the Holy City were drawing lists of nationals wanting to go to Christmas services there. United Nations observers will accompany the pilgrimage as "Christians and not to carry out their duties".—Reuter.

4 DIE IN FIRE

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Four people were killed and 14 seriously injured when a fire swept through one of the upper floors of the Victoria Hotel in the Loop district here today.

The blaze was discovered this morning. The four dead were trapped in their rooms or were suffocated in a corridor before rescuers could arrive. The hotel is an old one and for the most part occupied by permanent guests with low incomes.—Reuter.

NOT A VERY GENEROUS FATHER CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 12.—The Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, will face Parliament tomorrow in the discouraging role of an almost empty-handed Father Christmas.

The country's rigorous economic recovery plans oblige him to tell the public about the seasonal comforts it will be unable to enjoy, despite temporary increases in some basic rations.

The public has the satisfaction of knowing that it has again hit the high export target set by Britain for the end of the year—150 per cent of the 1938 figure. But as most of the whisky with which the achievement might normally be celebrated goes abroad to earn more dollars, stimulants with a lower carnival flashpoint will have to be served.

Some people consider that the cast-iron structure of rationing should be slightly eased in the interests of production morale.

From discussing turkey shortages and other aspects of the Christmas food problem, Parliament on Tuesday will turn to the related subject of drink on the second reading of the Government's new Licensing Bill.

The main object of the Bill is to permit an extension of the principle of State public house ownership to new satellite towns. But conviviality will again be a theme, because the Bill as originally presented, sounded the death-knell for Britain's unique institution, the "public house" which has long been a social centre for the community. It argues that "public houses" are essential for the health of the nation and that the State should take steps to ensure their survival.

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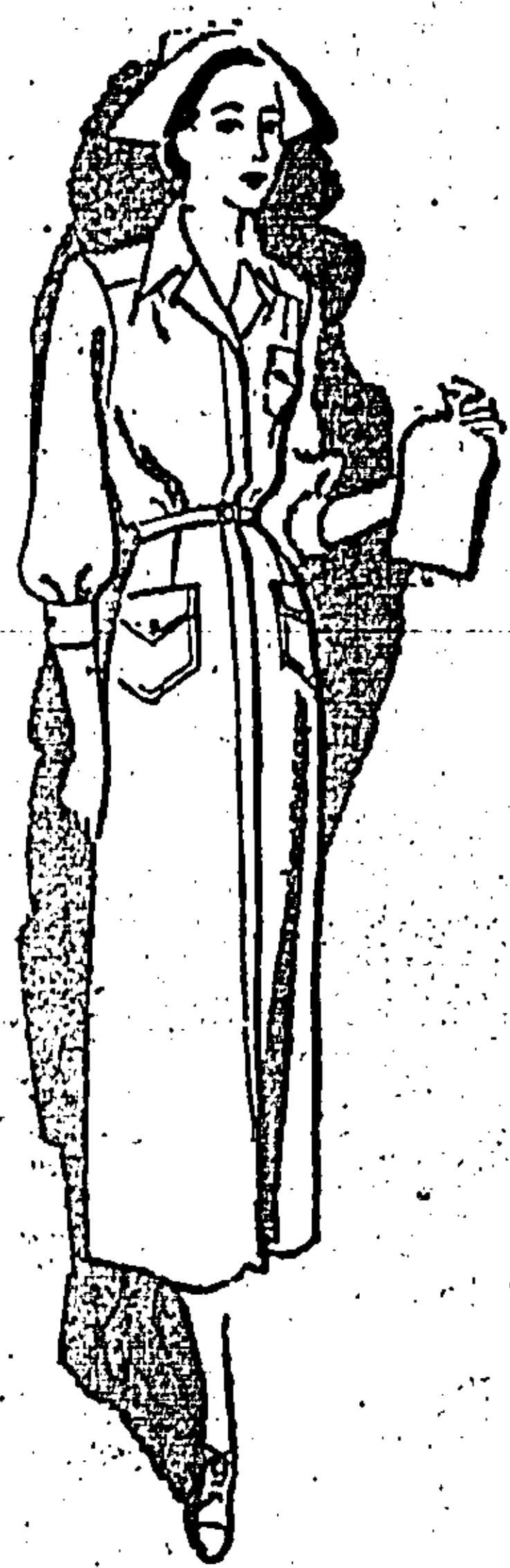
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WOMANSENSE

NURSES' UNIFORMS SWITCH FROM BLACK ALPACA TO WHITE NYLON



1948

SEVENTY-FIVE years have seen many changes in nurses' uniforms. Sketched on the right is a black alpaca uniform of about 1873—complete with floor-sweeping skirt, stiff collar and flowing headdress. On the left is a crisp white uniform of 1948. Comparison of the two shows very well how the fashion for nurses' uniforms has kept pace with the advances of time and of medical knowledge.

Primary is the change away from dark dirt-catching shades. Black, dark blue and other deep tones were typical of the colours used in uniforms of the last century. White, because of its easy washability and immaculate appearance is standard choice for all of the uniforms today.

Chosen for Durability

And the uniforms of the 1940's were usually of a wool fabric, alpaca or crepe, chosen because of its durability rather than for its cleaning ease. In addition to being hard to keep spotless, the rough fabrics made up into long-sleeved uniforms often proved irritating to the sensitive skins of the babies. Easy washability, keyed to the scrupulous cleanliness of the modern hospitals, is the prime requisite in today's uniform fabrics. Cotton, rayon and nylon are the most-used types. And even with these smooth-finish fabrics, many hospitals are extra-careful, specifying that nurses handling babies and children wear short-sleeved or three-quarter length sleeves.

Make Dish Washing an Easy Task

By ELEANOR ROSS

FOR some housewives holiday time is something to be dreaded, for all of its beauty, gaiety and heart-warming joy. They can't enjoy the big family feast the happy hospitality of the tree-trimming supper or the coffee and cake guests, because of that old bugaboo, dish-washing. Well, unless there is an automatic dish washer, the job must be done. So before the holidays, right now, is the very moment to start organising as good an efficiency campaign as you can possibly work out.

First, try to stick to the rule of washing up as you go along. The dinner dishes aren't so bad on their own, but when added to the utensils used in the preparation of food, the load becomes well nigh impossible to tackle.

New Detergents

If you have not done so previously, try out some of the new detergents. The right soap or the right soapless cleaner work wonders, the latter being particularly good in hard water. It is a joy to use, a powder or liquid dishwashing detergent in hard water, for there will be none of that sticky curd that clings so obstinately to glassware, and leaves such a hard-to-remove ring on dishpan or sink.

Softer water takes nicely to soap powder, flakes or beads, and, as you know, is kind to the hands. Place soap or soapless cleaner in sink or pan and then turn on the water full force to get a load of working suds.

Dishes should be properly stacked and placed in the order in which they are to be tackled. Keep silverware, china and glassware separate, if you want to get the utmost out of every piece. If there are roasters and such that could not be attended to as you went along, have them filled with hot water while at dinner, so that they get a good soaking, making it easier to loosen food particles. Tackle the pots and pans separately, too.

Faucet Spray

If you use a great deal of dinnerware, it is a good idea to have a spray attached to the sink faucet for this will make rinsing a cinch, much easier than pouring the rinse water from a pitcher or pan.

Have a rack to hold china which it usually is not necessary to dry. Silver and glasses should, of course, be dried and polished with a clean, lintless cloth. And don't skimp on dishcloths and dish rags. Holiday time is a good time to invest in some new ones, buying the best that the budget permits. They need not be of the all-linen variety, there are some excellent mixtures that do a wonderfully absorbent drying job.

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darts and tucks, convertible necklines, and quick-to-get-into closings have taken their place.

Accessible pockets, too, are a must on modern uniforms. Some manufacturers even put in little loops inside the pockets for thermometers and for pens—special slits in the back of the belts for holding scissors.

Cumbersome skirt drapings and bustles, and voluminous sleeves, easily caught in hospital equipment, have no place in the streamlined uniforms of today. Instead, for most of the last century uniforms were home-made jobs, well-placed

NEW DRUG TO CURE COMMON COLDS

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

MANY of the important medical discoveries of the past have been made by chance and it may be that history will repeat itself today.

I have told you earlier of the great amount of research vainly devoted to the common cold during recent years. While this unsuccessful quest has been going on, it seems possible that a Washington, D.C., physician has stumbled on what may prove to be a quick and easy remedy for this widespread disorder.

The story is an interesting one. While treating a patient for an allergy which caused internal symptoms, Dr. John M. Brewster noted that a cold which the patient had

contracted during the treatment was warded off.

The drug being used against the allergy was one of the so-called anti-histamines known as benadryl. In allergic disorders, such as asthma and hay fever, it is believed that the substance to which the patient is sensitive causes the formation in the body of excessive amounts of a substance known as histamine. This accounts for the fact that anti-histamines relieve the symptoms.

Allergic Reaction

Believing, along with a good many other physicians, that many so-called common colds are at least in part due to an allergic reaction, Dr. Brewster decided to try the benadryl on all patients developing colds. In all more than 100 were so treated.

He found that in every case the most annoying symptoms of colds were either removed or controlled. The watery discharge from the nose was lessened; coughing, particularly in children, was diminished, and fever blisters were warded off. If the drug was taken immediately after their first appearance. Moreover, the drug had a sedative or quieting effect, producing sleep which was thoroughly refreshing.

From the studies thus far made, it appears that benadryl will completely ward off colds in about one case in ten. In the remainder, it gets rid of the watery discharge from the nose. It does not have any effect in preventing sinus infection, once the cold has fully developed, nor does it have any value in reducing fever.

When the infection in the nose was due to streptococcus or pneumococcus, no allergies were made to treat the condition with benadryl. It is possible that many colds caused by a virus could be warded off by early treatment with the benadryl. To be effective, however, it should be taken at the first sign of soreness at the back part of the nose and swelling of the lining membrane of the nose.

Drug Given Once

The dose of the preparation of course must be recommended by the physician and taken only under his direction. The drug is administered only once, in most cases, but may be repeated once at bedtime. No harmful effects were noted with the treatment.

Since the preparation tends to make the patient sleepy, it should not be used when a person is going to drive a car or use some type of potentially dangerous machine.

This treatment for colds seems so promising that further studies should be made to determine its exact value.

PURPLE ORCHID



THE shirtwaister dress becomes a cocktail dress from New York, buttoned to the waist, orchid and purple striped taffeta is box-pleated into an ankle-length skirt that shows the lighter stripes on top.

Choosing a Complexion Cream



After choosing a good complexion cream, use it conscientiously; follow with an astringent.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WITH hundreds of creamy cosmetics on the beauty counters there is confusion as to making a choice. The quality of the creams do not vary in their effectiveness half as much as the manner of their application. Also, it is not fair to condemn a cream unless it is fully tested with your own co-operation. To spread it over the flesh will soften the surface, but to keep the complexion young and of good colouring you must use a little friction.

The woman who has a single product, uses it faithfully every night of her life, will get more satisfying results than the extravagant money flinger who has half a dozen, uses them casually, works on the stop-and-go system. She is the one who tumbles into bed without even washing her face, habit that is ruinous to the fairest complexion. Cleanliness is the first need, always. A good soapy scrubbing is in itself an invigorating treatment. Using a cream is just putting the frosting on the beauty cake.

Lubricants are a necessity to all skins except those that are excessively oily or inclined to show pustules. A good plan is to use a cold cream for removing make up, washing the face freely with plenty of warm soap suds, rinsing with warm water, drying with a soft towel, lightly tapping in a heavier cream to remain on overnight. Don't fancy that letting the cosmetic stay on will cause a growth of superfluous hair. Nothing to that idea at all. Electrolysis operators, taking surveys, state that the worst cases of facial fuzzers are the affliction of women who never used cosmetics in any form.

Let's Eat

BY

IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Have A Rice "Collection"

"COME and see my collection," the Chef called out. "All different kinds of rice. There are so many possibilities to use it that I have bought every kind."

"Let's see. There is plain white rice; brown rice, which contains all the natural vitamins; converted white rice, which has the vitamins put back in it; and here is wild rice."

"What's in this paper bag?" I asked. "That is some of the long grain Persian rice I bought in an Armenian store. It makes a wonderful pilaf."

Comes in Bulk

"Of course this Persian rice will have to be washed before you use it, as it comes in bulk and isn't very clean. You have to wash the wild rice, too, and be careful to look it over, and take out any little pebbles."

"I know that, Madame, but the usual rice in the package I do not wash because it is already clean. It is a great saving of time."

"I see you bought a package of the new ready-cooked rice, too."

"Oui, Madame, it is the latest addition to the hurry-up foods of America. I'd like to try it."

"The package says just add 1 1/2 c. cold water and 3/4 tsp. salt, add the rice, stir it up, bring to a fast boil, then remove it from the heat, put on a cover and let it stand 10 minutes in a warm place."

"What do you say if we try this rice for dinner," suggested the Chef.

"We have a little leftover chicken in the refrigerator, and a small slice of ham. Perhaps I could combine this with the rice in some way."

Jambolaya

"Good," I agreed. "That will make a fine jambolaya."

"Jambolaya? I am not sure what that means."

"It's a southern term," I explained, "which means a dish of any kind of meat and rice cooked together. But as there isn't much chicken we'll have to add another substantial course to our dinner."

"May I suggest a nice bean soup, Madame? I have bought several cans of pork and beans. A great bargain, very cheap."

"Good! I like 'bargain' soup, and canned bean soup is quick and easy to make. As to dessert, Chef, I'm going to suggest something. Have you some leftover cake on hand?"

"Not much, Madame. A few ends and odds to make about a cup."

"That's quite enough. We'll use them in a caramel custard meringue, then we'll need only 2 eggs—your grade Bs will be all-right. And if you're short of milk, reconstitute some dry skim milk and use that."

"Will Madame be satisfied with that dessert?"

"Just serve it with your 'Mile-High Meringue' and I'll guarantee it will be delicious."

Dinner
Brown Bean Soup
Chicken Jambolaya
Caramel-Cake Meringue
Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)

All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Brown Bean Soup

In a 2 qt. kettle put the contents of 1 tin of pork and beans, 1/2 tin tomatoes, 1 sliced peeled onion, 1 tsp. sugar, 2 bouillon cubes or 3 tsp. hot extract, and 5 c. water or liquid drained from cooked potatoes. Cover and simmer until soft, about 45 min. Then blend 2 tbsp. butter or margarine and 3 tbsp. flour. Add 1/4 c. of the hot soup; stir until smooth; return to the kettle and cook and stir until boiling. Put through a puree sieve or food mill; add salt and pepper to taste; reheat and serve with crisp crackers.

Chicken Jambolaya

Peel and mince 1 small ml/t onion; slow-fry until yellowed in 1 tsp. butter or margarine. Add 2 1/2 c. cold cooked rice, 1 1/2 c. coarse-chopped leftover chicken, 2 tbsp. chopped cooked bacon, sausage or ham, 1/2 tsp. salt, few grains pepper, and 2 diced plumpies if convenient. Mix lightly with a fork till blended. Melt 2 tbsp. chicken fat, butter or margarine in a frying pan; spoon in the mixture; press down lightly and brown a little, turning over and over with a fork until the rice barely turns colour.

Caramel Cake Meringue

In a good-sized frying pan or heavy saucepan, caramelize (that is, melt), 1/2 c. granulated sugar until light brown. To this gradually add 2 1/2 c. scalded milk, either fresh or undiluted evaporated milk, or reconstituted dry-skim milk. Be careful the milk does not bubble over the top of the pan. Simmer until the sugar melts in the milk. Add 1 1/4 c. crumbed leftover stale cake or cookies. Meanwhile separate 2 eggs (grade B are satisfactory). Beat the yolks and add 1/3 c. granulated sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Fold the meringue into the sugar melts in the milk. Transfer to a qt.-sized, shallow, buttered baking dish. Place in a pan of hot water; bake in a moderate oven, 375 F., until a knife when inserted comes out almost clean. Cover at once with a thin coating of the meringue, made with the 2 egg whites. Continue to bake 15 min. longer at 325 F., or until the meringue is a delicate brown. Remove at once from the pan of water. Serve cold.

Trick of the Chef

To give chicken jambolaya that New Orleans flavour, add a small well-cleaned raw oyster. A good way to get an oyster taste within the budget.

ANIMALS AND PETS

PICTURES BY ACME



DEBUT—Somewhat bewildered, but reassured by its mother, which keeps a close watch, a Uganda Kob, or antelope, makes its first public appearance at the Philadelphia Zoo. The baby antelope was just a week old when this picture was made. The mother crossed the seas from Uganda.



MONKEY BUSINESS—These innocent looking monkeys seem to be plotting a little trouble. Of the African Green variety, the six-month-old animals are now on public exhibition in Rochester, New York.



COCK OF THE ROCK—Mighty proud is this New Hampshire cockerel but still not too huffy to engage in a bit of conversation. A relative of the Rhode Island Red, this rooster was sold for US\$200.25 at the Illinois Poultry Improvement Association's convention.



PLAYMATES—Jill, a cross-bred West Highland terrier, and Jack, 10-month-old rooster, are the best of friends. They eat, sleep and play together, and Jack even allows Jill to wash him. They belong to a Cowfold farmer.



ONE APE TO ANOTHER—Bushman, the pride of Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, does his daily dozen with one of the bullet-proof tyres once used on Adolf Hitler's motor car. The tyre was presented to the gorilla by Chris Janus, present owner of the car.

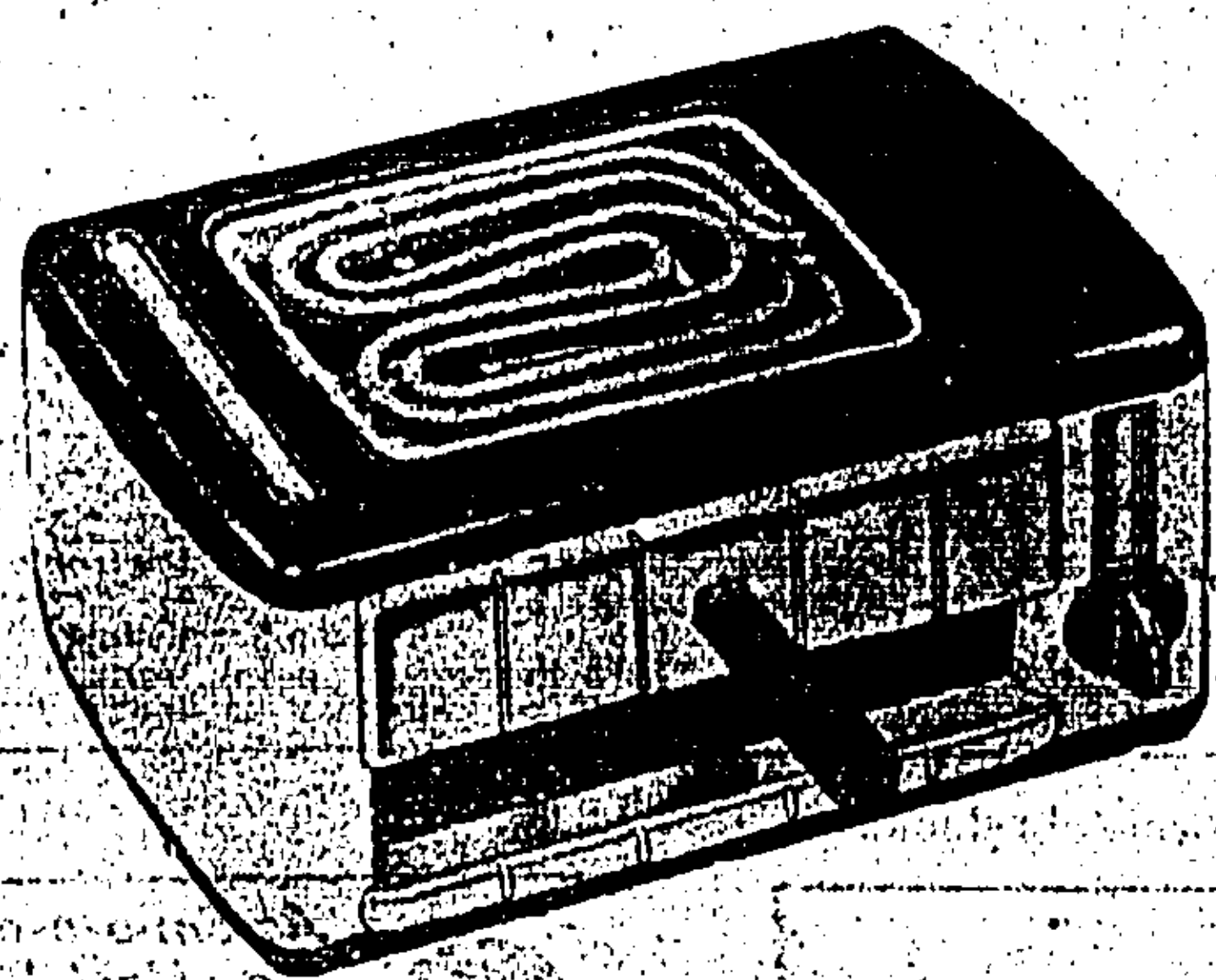


FUZZY HARVEST—Only a lamb could shy away from a feeding administered by pretty Gweneth Geiger of Cheyenne, Wyoming. The fair shepherdess is helping to tend a "wool crop" that has been successful despite cold weather.



BROTHER BEAR—Brown University mascot Bruno IX can't quite figure out how any bear can be 9 feet, 4 inches tall. Gloria Green of Pembroke College, daughter of Illinois' Governor Green, made the introduction upon the arrival of this stuffed Kodak, gift of Brown alumni.

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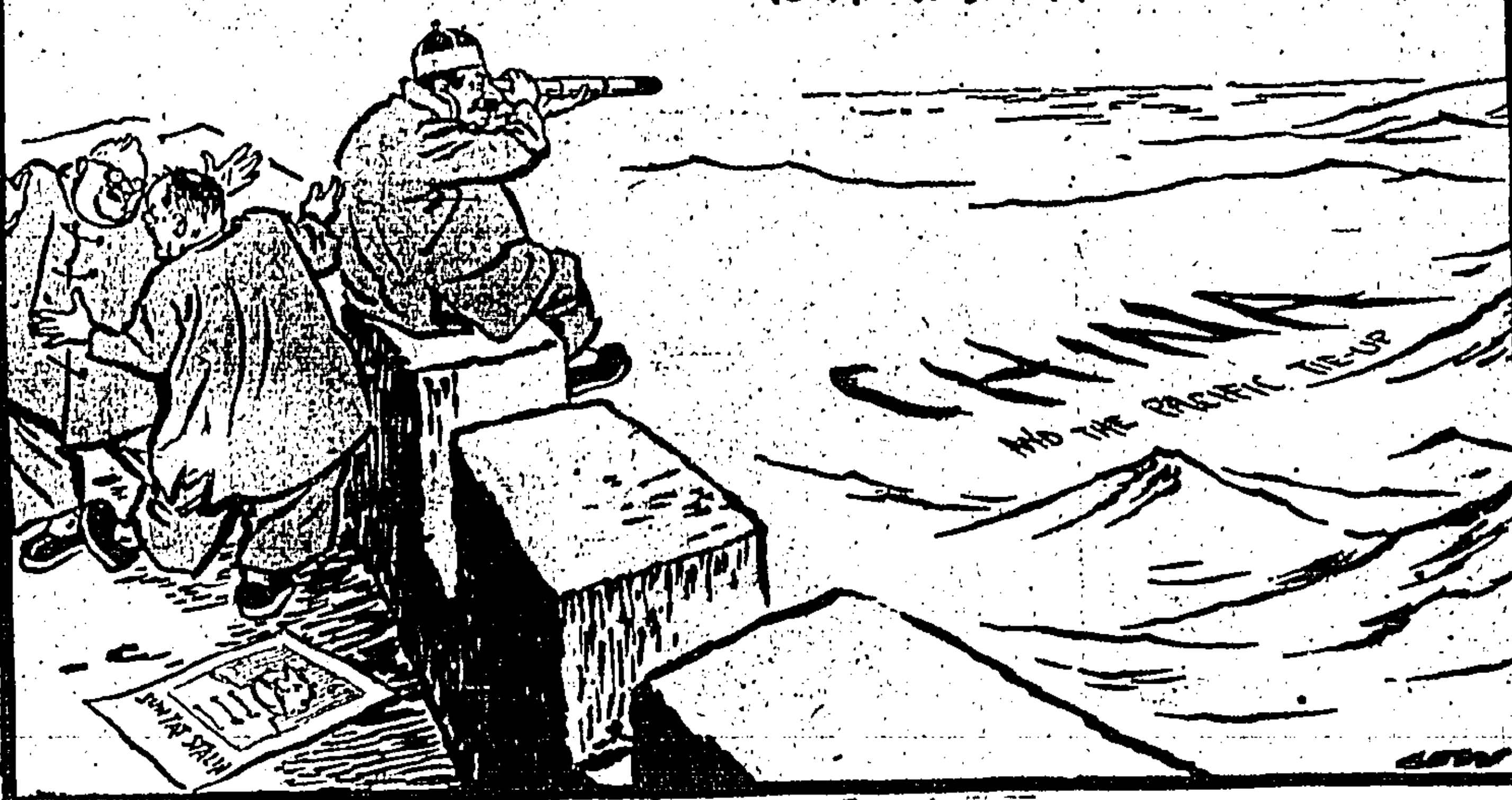
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Half A Million Arabs Join The
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BEIRUT. HERE it all begins again. There is a hopeless feeling that one has had it enough already, that one will never altogether escape the sight again—that dreary trail of the homeless and hungry, the forlorn by-product of battle, the refugees.

Now they are the Arabs. In the last few years they have been varieties of almost every melancholy race in the human list; now at last comes the Arabs' turn, the flight from the over-promised land, Exodus in reverse.

Today more than half a million of them are squatting, huddling, bachelors in camps, and crowds up and down the fringes of Palestine, fugitives of a finished fight.

They have no particular political symbolism. However you look about the Palestine tragedy that brought them here, you cannot ignore that they are here, one more dismal problem all the bleaker because we know it so well.

The Arabs, however, are no long-term question to be wrangled at leisure by some United Nations sub-committee.

There are 62,000 of them, right here in the Lebanon. In Transjordan 80,000 more. Another half million are still in Palestine itself.

THEY ARE HUNGRY

THEY are peasants, smallholders, croppers. Mainly ignorant, few of them have much notion what it is all about. And they are hungry. They are poor, material to make propaganda about.

I am not a Zionist and I have no interest in the Arab League. All I wonder is: for how much longer will my job as a reporter keep taking me among these armies of uprooted people—Arab refugees, Jewish refugees, Moslems, and Chinese refugees, Sikh, Polish, German, all the desolate international residue of other peoples' wars?

Refugee camps have a lowering sameness of rootlessness. Impoverished, need, bewilderment. It does not take long before there arrives the final resemblance, a quality of despair.

Perhaps because they are Arabs the temporary bivouac appearance of the crowds looks less extraordinary than it might. One associates Arabs with tents. But one associates them also with flocks of sheep—and they have none; with fields to till—and there are none.

The Lebanese Government has done all it can already. Who accepts them, now? The United Nations, doubtfully, and voted £1½ million from the International Children's Fund.

The Security Council and the Political Committee, who have huffed and gaped and blundered all the way through the Palestine morass, say the Third Committee—the "Humanities Group"—move with a little more realism.

WINTER'S BLAST

WHO else? Not I, said the United States, though I will approve any private contributions. I said Great Britain, and offered a million, a 10s. share in each refugee.

The petrol companies, Churches, neighbour States, have all handed over something—money, grain, blankets.

The weeks go on and the weather gets colder. UNO's relief head, Sir

Raphael Cilento, has said that what has been done is minute, that unless something like £7 million worth of goods is produced—and fast—many hundred thousand people are likely to die quite abruptly and quite soon.

It's pretty cold and searching weather by the Mediterranean tonight. A moon like a frozen melon lights the hills of the Lebanon, white-powdered with the first snows. There will soon be good skiing.

Beirut swelled visibly with a polyglot crowd as UNESCO's delegates arrived for their conference, though indeed their minds are on other matters.

Not many miles from here is a great canvas evacuee town of thousands and thousands—no one is sure of the number—in big 20-man tents, men, women, and children, a good third of them under six years old.

The Arab, who always seems to feel the cold more miserably than anyone else, wraps his face tightly in his headcloth and waits silently. And still he is luckier than the thousands more in Jordan Valley, who have no tents nor covering, who are sheltering under olive trees and the sides of rocks.

To begin with, in the labour and confusion of the war, it was all an urgent expedient. The D.P.s—how reluctantly this age gives up the recurrent phantasm—lived on the bounty of Arabs near by, for Islam

imposes a powerful code of charity, on the flies and wines they found, on donations from their hosts—Lebanon, Syria, Transjordan.

But the Arab States are not rich in food. In the main they are importers of wheat and as short of dollars as the rest of us. There is now, in stark fact, practically nothing left to eat.

And the battling is as good as over, from General Riley himself, chief of staff to the mediator, comes the opinion that in Palestine the war is over and the Jews have won, and that is that.

Even if relief should come, where do these people go?

This is the first time I have been in these parts since war came to Palestine. I have found an emotion and bitterness here as powerful as the emotion and bitterness I have just left behind in New York—equally one-sided, but the other side.

RELIEF SOON OR—

THE Jews, with their own sorrows, full tradition of exile and persecution, show a new face in victory, a strange, relentless. Old Testament face that looks rigidly at a suffering it has so often seen itself.

Israel, which has known 20 centuries of oppression, would make an awesome decision to death of babies, her triumph in the death of babies. Beirut I am reminded that the United Nations is something

Who says it's not the time
to have a family?

by BERNARD WICKSTEED

I DON'T know if the circles

I move in are more than usually sophisticated and cynical, but I am always coming across people who say this is no time to have a baby. If you mention you are having one yourself they look at you as if you were a farm animal.

"What now?" they say. "In these days? You must be mad." Then they turn away with a sad shake of the head and mutter something about cannon fodder.

They say it so often, these people, and there are so many of them that I sometimes wonder when they think will be the time. Or, for that matter, when was?

My wife and I were married a month before the war started, and were told then we'd be lunatics to found a family with Hitler invading right and left.

I am happy to say that we ignored their advice, and no one has put us in Colney Hatch yet.

All through the war people went on saying the same thing. If we were about to be separated they pointed out that a wife shouldn't have a child without her husband around to look after her. If we were together they said, "Enjoy life while you can and don't burden yourself."

It is one of our great regrets that we listened to them as long as we did. The peace followed. Surely if ever there was a right time to have a baby it was then. But no, would you believe it? The world was too unsettled. We'd better wait.

First it was the wicked Socialists who were going to make the country unfit for middle-class infants. Then it was the less discriminatory bomb at Bikini. Now it's the Russians in Berlin. They've been an absolute godsend, the Russians, to the "Don't-have-a-baby-now" school of thought—as good as Napoleon was 150 years ago.

STAKE IN FUTURE

GOODNESS knows what bogey there will be next year. Men from Mars, perhaps, or megalots.

The cynics can be very plausible in their arguments, particularly when it comes to the financial side. They point out how much cheaper and easier things were for our parents and grandparents.

It may be true. But it doesn't mean that by waiting you will ever get those times back. If you listen to that line of argument you may go on waiting so long that one day you'll find it is too late.

That's how my wife and I reason, anyway. We have more money than before the war, but the things we get for it are far fewer. But then, so they are for everybody.

We used to have a posh flat, and now we think we are jolly lucky to have rooms. We used to run a car. Now we can't.

My parents sent me to expensive schools to which I should never have been sent. But that is no reason for never marrying and childless ourselves.

I want a stake in the future just as much as anybody else. I fought in the war for a better world. My wife endured its bombs and privations. We want our own homes to enjoy the rewards.

Supposing everybody let themselves be convinced that they couldn't afford one child, let alone several? Supposing our ancestors had done so? Looking back on it the nineteenth century seems an age of "spaciousness" now, but I don't doubt there were moments when disaster seemed near.

Or go further back still, and consider our more remote ancestors. I can never read about the Stone Age without being amazed that the human race ever survived.

Imagine having a baby in those days. What could be more harrowing than trying to keep it warm in a wet cave with icy winds from the glaciers whistling round the floor? And nothing to feed it on but roots and raw meat.

But they didn't say, "Let's have no kids till the Bronze Age."

The later stage of the Stone Age was one of the supreme eras in the story of the human race. The very difficulties of existence were so great that man rose above himself to overcome them and so became the master of his destiny.

You can't ditch a heritage like that just because you have to stand in a queue or fill in a form for everything.

(Pardon me a moment while I go up and stifle my elder son. He'll come clean through the ceiling in a minute.)

"THAT'S DIFFERENT"

I KNOW a girl of 19 who got married the other day and the night before the wedding her mother told her the 1948 facts of life, i.e., that she ought to wait before having a baby.

"And how old were you when I was born?" asked the girl.

"Oh, well, that was different," said the mother. "I was only 19 myself, but everything was so much easier then."

"Such as what?" persisted the girl.

"Well," said the mother, thinking hard, "you could choose your own doctor."

The heartening thing is that more people seem to believe as I do than as that girl's mother does.

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THE AMERICAN SCENEMR MAYOR
HITS OUT

NEW YORK.

AN ex-boxer, Kid Canaday, elected mayor of Pomeroy, Ohio (pop. 3,581), found himself on the ropes a fortnight later.

He was in his office counting up the fines he has collected, when a messenger arrived from the State capital. He told the Kid he had been suspended.

The reason: complaints had been received that he had been treating those fines as if they were meant for his purse.

The Kid clenched his fists and used some un-mayoral language to describe the two Tories in town who, he declared, had made this false complaint to embarrass him.

Then he remembered that he was no longer the Kid, but his Worship Mayor Delmar A. Canaday.

He made this official comment: "Why, this insults my dignity. And I will prove they are all liars. I will come out fighting."

FRONT-PAGE NEWS was made in every U.S. newspaper by the announcement that Yale, America's Oxford, has become the first university to appoint a Negro captain of its first eleven football team. "It's swell," said Levi Jackson, better known as "The Ebony Express." His father is a waiter in the Yale dining hall.

WITH A HOPE that the American Legion as a whole will follow suit, the Crowley, Louisiana, post of the C.S. Service men's organization today voted to drop the use of the term "Comrade." The reason: It is "too red."

WASHINGTON says there may soon be another F. D. R. in the American Government. President Truman is thinking of naming Roosevelt's son Secretary of the Navy. And that is the department in which F. D. R. senior began.

AFTER TRYING to keep out of Britain's steel nationalisation argument, the American Press gave up. The New York Herald-Tribune, after printing four columns of last week's Commons debate, had this to say:—

"If Sir Stafford's goal is production, he would be well advised to leave well enough alone. If he is engaged in a bit of political appeasement of the Left-wing of his own party, it is a very dangerous game he is playing."

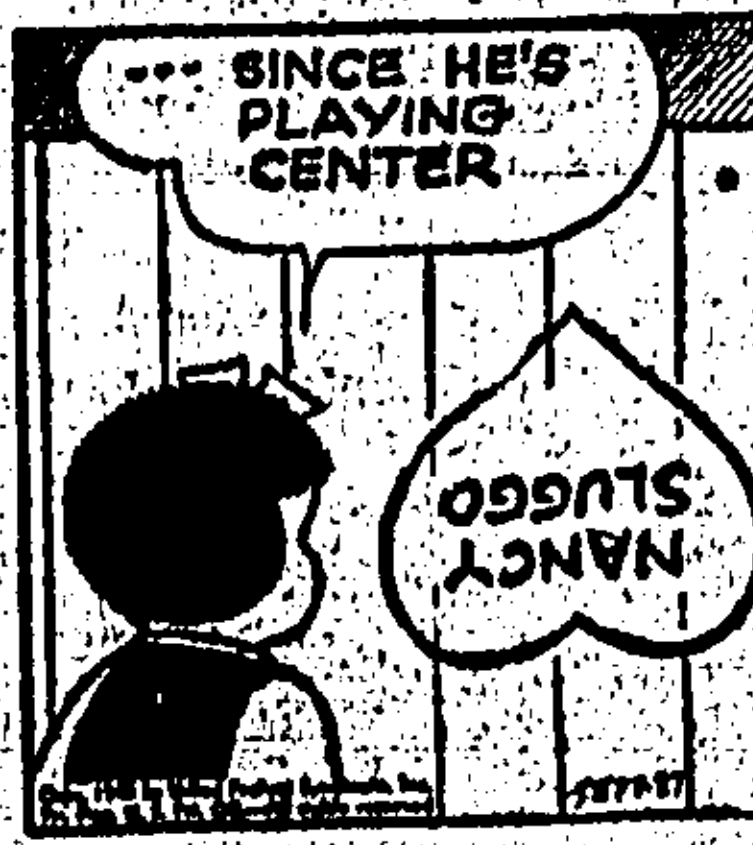
A NEW Washington survey says that the average American factory worker now turns out twice as much an hour as the average British worker.

MAN-MADE RAIN cannot be guaranteed yet. America's alt forces have been experimenting for nine months with a scientist's theory that dry ice sprinkled on clouds will cause rain. Today it gave up. It just had not produced enough rain.

ALL THE BIG 16-inch coastal guns guarding America's Eastern shore are to be scrapped. That is not a disarmament move. It is just a new day's planes could do a better job.

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New Congress Urged To Overhaul U.S. Espionage Laws

Washington, Dec. 12.—A House of Representatives spy-hunter today urged the new Congress to overhaul espionage laws to cope with "fifth column activities" such as the alleged Communist spy ring disclosed by Whittaker Chambers.

Representative Richard Nixon made the suggestion as a group of House Democrats announced an all-out drive to wipe out the House Un-American Activities Committee in favour of a joint Senate-House Civil Rights Committee.

The leader of the group, Representative Walter Huber, told the *United Press* he would introduce legislation to set up a new civil rights group on January 3, the first day of the new Congress.

He said the new Committee, if created, would take over the work of the Un-American Activities Committee. He added that he hoped to have President Truman's support.

Representative Huber conceded that the Committee "may have to hit pay dirt" in airing Chambers' charges that Alger Hiss, former State Department policy-maker, and two other former Government officials, gave him several hundred confidential documents to forward to the Kremlin in 1937-38. But if so, he added, it would be the first time.

"They may go off on a tangent two months from now and smear a lot of innocent people," said Representative Huber. "I personally think there should be a new Committee, regardless."

Although Hiss denied Chambers' charges and filed a US\$75,000 slander suit against him, the Committee last night made public 21 stolen documents which included one diplomatic summary allegedly in Hiss' handwriting. In view of the Committee's action, Hiss immediately issued a new statement in New York again denying Chambers' charges.

He declared: "I did not, at any time, deliver any official documents or information to Mr. Chambers or to any unauthorized persons."

Supporting his demand for revision of the espionage laws, Mr. Nixon pointed to other present laws based on an "obsolete" 1917 statute. He said that law was based on the belief that espionage was handled by spies working for pay.

"It did not take into account fifth column activities such as those we are now investigating."

Representative Nixon said that even if the New York Federal Grand Jury investigating the Chambers-Hiss affair should find evidence to back up Chambers' charges, it would be difficult to obtain convictions under present espionage laws.

"The laws were designed for the time when Germany had German spies and the Japanese had Japanese spies, and not when the Russians had American Communists doing their spying," United Press.

AUSTRIAN FIFTH COLUMN
Vienna, Dec. 12.—Western intelligence officers today disclosed evidence said to prove that Austrian Communist Party members were fifth column agents spying on Western troops for the Soviet Union.

The officers displayed photostatic copies of what they said were confidential coded orders issued to trusted Party officials early this month by the Communist Central Committee. The orders said, "special bonuses will be paid by our Soviet friends to comrades who inform on military details such as arms, transportation and strength of Western troops in Austria."

The orders added that bonuses would also be paid "to comrades who inform on persons spying on Soviet troops."

The orders also announced that trusted Austrian Communists who had fought with the International Brigade in Spain or attended Lenin College in Russia were at liberty to serve with the Czech People's Militia.

They stipulated, however, that applicants must have had some military experience and training, adding that those who held the rank of corporal or higher were preferred.

The orders encouraged similarly-trusted Party members to work in Hungary and Rumania. The documents told "comrades who notice suspicious strangers in the vicinity of Soviet military installations to act at once, as such observations should at once be reported to the nearest Soviet Kommandatura."—United Press.

Nationalists Abandon Mines

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Trees are being cut, both to deprive the Reds of cover and to guard approaches to strategic spots with networks of sharp-pointed stakes—substituted for barbed wire.

An air of apprehension hangs over the town, most of whose inhabitants have fled to Peiping.

Tungshien, formerly known as Tungchow, has been an important missionary centre for the past 75 years. Buildings of the American Board Mission might become a war casualty before the battle actually rolls here.

The Nationalist military has given notice they intend to demolish all mission buildings because they could be used for cover if the Reds attack. The mission compound is located outside the southern walls.

HOMES DEMOLISHED

(Foreign quarters in Peiping said demolition of the mission buildings will be justified on military grounds if the Nationalists really intend to fight for the town. They took the view, however, that such demolition will be a real pity if Tungshien is not attacked or changes hands peacefully.)
Hundreds of Chinese homes within a 100-yard zone already have been demolished as a defensive measure.

Four American missionaries remain in the compound. They are ready to evacuate to Peiping by jeep if a serious battle develops, but if there is any sign of peaceful changeover, they will remain.
The four are Miss Alice Huggins of Topeka, Kansas; Miss Ethel Lovatt of Lubec, Maine; William Satterthwaite of Yardley, Penn., and Harold Robinson of Warren, Vermont.

Tungshien is a busy funnel through which thousands of civilians from the danger zones are pouring to Peiping in long pathetic processions. The highway leading to Peiping was especially busy today. People with bag and baggage are moving by on foot, ricksha, pedicab, bicycle, wheelbarrow, mulecart, bus and an occasional truck.—Associated Press.



If Scottie had had a dime he would NOT have required aid at the ASPCA shelter in New York. The pooch tried to bum a ride on a Brooklyn subway and got his leg caught in a subway turnstile gate.—AP Picture.

Republic Of Korea Endorsed As UN Paris Session Ends

Paris, Dec. 12.—The United Nations Assembly closed its 12-week Paris session today by endorsing the Republic of Korea and continuing the UN Korean Commission another year—against bitter Russian opposition.

The vote on the Korean resolution—sponsored by the United States, Australia and China—was 48 to 6, with only the Soviet bloc voting against it. Sweden abstained.

The Assembly set its adjournment for Saturday night but was forced into a meeting today when the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Jacob A. Malik, tried to block Korean action by a filibuster.

M. Malik continued his blast at the United States and president Syngman Rhee's South Korean Government this afternoon, but delegates were in no mood for further debate. Some sources said the Western Powers had agreed to a "conspiracy of silence" to force adjournment.

In a final gesture of opposition, Russia insisted that the Assembly vote on a Soviet resolution calling for termination of the Korean Commission. This was rejected 46 to 9. The resolution adopted by the Assembly:

1. Approved the work of the Korean Commission.
2. Declared the Government of the Republic of Korea lawful Government based on free elections observed by the Commission.
3. Recommended that Russian and American occupying powers withdraw their occupation forces from Korea as early as practicable.
4. Continued the Commission for another year and instructed it to seek once more to unify Korea.
5. Instructed the Commission to observe or verify withdrawal of occupation forces when it occurs.

Just before the Assembly approved the Three-Power proposal it adopted a Canadian amendment which reduced the size of the Commission from nine to seven members.

The two members dropped were Canada and the Soviet Ukraine. The Ukraine had served notice she would boycott the Commission again and Canada asked to be relieved from serving.

Members of the Commission are now Australia, China, El Salvador, France, India, the Philippines and Syria.
The Korean question was the last on the agenda for the Paris session, which began on September 21 and ended today at 6:11 p.m. The Assembly will convene in New York on April 1.—Associated Press.

DECREE NISI

A decree nisi, to be made absolute in three months, was granted by Mr Justice Reynolds in the Divorce Court this morning to Rose Irene Remedios, of 23 Wing Hing Street, second floor, who petitioned for divorce from her husband, Mario dos Remedios, of 23 Homunlin Street, ground floor, on the grounds of adultery.

The petitioner was represented by Mr Brook A. Bernaschi, instructed by Mr S. Ng Quinn. The suit was not contested.
Costs were also awarded against the respondent.

MEDITERRANEAN DEFENCE PACT

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As there will be a gap in the global defence system in the strategically important Mediterranean area, it was decided, a Mediterranean pact would be an inevitable corollary to the Atlantic accord. Italy's participation therein is foreseen and it is suggested the Colonial issue could be solved on the basis of Italian partnership in defence obligations in the Mediterranean area. A Mediterranean pact would include France, Italy, Britain and some other countries.—United Press.

HMS Belfast Arrives

The cruiser Belfast, which is replacing HMS Sussex on the Far East Station, arrived from the United Kingdom this morning.
As she entered the harbour, she saluted the flag of Rear-Adm. A.C.G. Madden, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, with 13 guns.

The salute was returned by HMS London.

Later in the morning the survey ship Dampier arrived from Singapore. She, too, fired a 13-gun salute, returned by London.

Tomorrow the Navy will observe the King's Birthday by dressing overall, and at noon HMS London and HMS Dampier will fire a 21-gun salute.

Allegedly Urged Dog To Attack

A building contractor who was charged at Central Court this morning for urging his dog to attack a man was alleged to have done so as the result of a tenancy dispute.

Prosecuting Po Chuen-kan, the building contractor, before Mr Hin-shing Lo, Inspector Brownrigg declared it to be a vicious case. He said the accused was alleged to have taken over a flat without authority, as a result of which judgment was given against him when the dispute went to the Supreme Court. The complainant, Fung Chol, was a witness in that case.

On Saturday, said the Inspector, Po allegedly set his dog on Fung on the staircase of 54 Catchick Street, saying, "The judge helped you, but my dog will help me."

A 48-hour remand was granted.

Armed Escorts On Barges

Berlin, Dec. 12.—According to the German news agency, DFD, the Western Military Government said today that the Soviet authorities have placed armed escorts on barges passing through the Western sector waterways.

All barges are searched before they are allowed to enter Western Berlin. Since the waterways are a link with the Soviet Zone canal, the Russian authorities were granted the right to inspect the Western Berlin canals at the beginning of four-power administration.

Waterway officials in the British sector said the Russian guards were presumably on the barges to prevent pilfering of the cargoes and possible contamination by the Western City Administration.—Router.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered air mail closes 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail, if mail close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel post close at 2 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the CPO closing times.

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6. Programme Summary: 6.01, "It's Swing Time"; 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (15:00); 7.00, World and Home News (15:00); 7.15, Edmunds' Kiss and the Rumba Band; 7.30, Hospital Request Hour (15:00); 8.00, The Editor's (London Radio); 8.10, Beethoven's Last Quartet—Introductory Talk by the Rev. Father F. J. (Radio); 8.30, "I Like What I Like" Presented by Dr. Foster; 9.00, New Concert Orchestra; 9.15, Linda, a Cater Tale on Film (Studio); 9.30, London Playhouse "Women in the Hall" with Ursula Jeans, Jean Simmons, Cecil Parker and Jill Raymond; 10.00, Radio News Reel (London Radio); 10.15, Weather Report; 11.00, B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra, Concert Conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham (Radio); 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

Student Called Wicked Liar

"This boy is a wicked little liar. He says he is a student. God help China if this is an example of her students," said Inspector Brownrigg at Central Court this morning, prosecuting Ling Koon-ching, who was charged before Mr Hin-shing Lo with evading tram fare.

According to Inspector Brownrigg, Ling was standing at the doorway of a tramcar near Tsimshui Dock on Sunday, when tram Inspector Bradly boarded and asked for his ticket. Ling said his ticket was upstairs and accompanied the inspector to get it. Reaching the top of the stairs, he approached a well-dressed man and asked him for his ticket, saying he would be arrested by the inspector if he did not have it. When this man refused the request, Ling told the inspector that he was a friend of the conductor, but the latter denied this.

Ling, who appeared in a new suit and bright tie, told the Magistrate he had recently come from Canton, where he was studying. He asked for a light fine.

Mr Hin-shing Lo fined him \$50.

Didn't Pay For Admission

Five men arrested for not having theatre admission tickets were told by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning that if they paid for theatre tickets with money they earned they would obtain greater enjoyment from the performance.

"You try it," he urged them, imposing a fine of \$25 on each.
Cheng Ng and Chiu Sun were arrested by Mr Mugford of the Treasury in the Oriental Theatre on Saturday. Tam Yan-kit and Leung Kai-ching were found inside the Tai Ping Theatre on Saturday, and Leung Kau inside the Kw Shing Theatre.

EDITOR GIVES EVIDENCE AGAINST BUS DRIVER

An incident which occurred along Nathan Road yesterday involving a bus and a taxi belonging to the Blue Taxicab Company, which recently resumed a "call to garage" service, resulted in the appearance of the bus driver before Mr Lallimer at Kowloon Court this morning.

The driver, Liu Pui, of bus No. 4246, was charged with dangerous driving and alternatively with driving without due care and attention.

The case was adjourned to January 3 at the request of the defendant, who said that he wished to obtain legal representation after the prosecution had outlined its case and a witness had commenced to give evidence.

Mr W. J. Keates, Editor of the *China Mail*, was the principal witness for the prosecution.

Inspector Hunter, officer-in-charge of the Kowloon Traffic Department, stated that the taxi, in response to a call, went to 104 Nathan Road, and on arrival parked close to the curb between two trees. A bus stop was about 50 feet ahead. Mr Keates, his wife and a baby were passengers in the taxi, and after they had boarded the vehicle, bus No. 4246 drew alongside and stopped. To go on his way towards the Star Ferry, the taxi had to squeeze between a tree ahead and the stationary bus.

FORCED TO LEFT
These two vehicles met again near the Telephone Company building—now under construction—and again the bus drew close to the taxi, which was forced to draw to the extreme left.

The bus, alleged Insp. Hunter, then proceeded slowly and cut in sharply, causing the taxi driver to slow down immediately and swerve to avoid a collision into the rear of the bus.

Before Mr Keates was asked to stand down from the witness box, Mr Keates testified that in the first instance the bus drew up to within two feet of the taxi. The driver of the bus took a deliberate look, and until the taxi started and as soon as it did the bus also resumed and ran parallel to the taxi.

At this stage the hearing was adjourned.

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SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET:

By "RECORDER"

RECREIO NOW STANDS ALONE AT THE TOP OF THE TABLE

Club de Recreio now stands alone at the top of the First Division Cricket League table. The Army, who have been sharing top spot with them from the start of the season, played out time to a very unspectacular draw against the RAF at Sookunpoo on Saturday and were lucky enough not to lose.

All four other games were played to a decision, the Optimists, Scorpions, University and Recreio notching up another four points apiece.

Recreio, who opened their batting with the tail, had an easy enough victory by five wickets against the Royal Navy at King's Park. There was no outstanding performance by any member of the Navy team.

Their batting was even below the standard of last week's 42 against the University, the whole side being dismissed for 27, the lowest score for the season in a League match.

Recreio's tall did not stand up too well against the bowling of Corporal Hart who followed up his effort of 6 for 10 against University last week with five for 31 against Navy's Kings Park. Recreio were 10 for 10.

Gerry Gosano made a comfortable 54 not out and established himself as the most consistent knock-up half century in the League.

ARMY COLLAPSE

Army collapsed in both its bowling and batting against RAF at Sookunpoo and the Air Force team, who were still a powerful batting side, despite their remarkable collapse for 60 against the KCC the week before. It was their bowling that collapsed against Army, Graham alone, as last week, rising to the occasion.

The Army batting, still strong on paper, proved still weak at the wicket. The Air Force, on the other hand, hit out at both Steps and Banton and the absence of Jones in the Army bowling was sorely felt. Army's 65 for 7 when slumps were drawn, in reply to the RAF's 131 for six declared was, to say the least, a miserable performance.

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KCC SLUMP

How a strong KCC batting side could be all out for 111 runs against the Optimists' comparatively indifferent bowling remains a mystery. Three good bowlers fell to the bowling of McLellan. However, the fact of seven catches may help explain.

The only reassuring point about the KCC batting was another comfortable 45 for E. C. Fincher. The KCC bowling dismissed seven good Optimists' bats for 115 runs and could have had the side out for 130. If only the KCC batting had been a little more dependable, there would have been a different story to tell.

The Optimists, with six men in the side capable of reaching 50, had to be content with only M. M. Little finding his form finally, carrying his bat for 56 after opening the innings.

OTHER MATCHES

Craigengower, at home to the Scorpions at Happy Valley, collapsed once more. Only the CCC's new Captain, G. A. Souza, stood up to the Scorpions' attack, scoring 20 out of the total of 52.

A feature of the game was the performance of T. A. Pearce in the taking six wickets for eight runs. The Scorpions, whose very indifferent bowling has been the subject of comment in this column before, can now point to the fact that J. D. Clague and Pearce actually need the bowling averages. University proved for the third

time this season that they were a team that could take first lease of the wicket, be out for well under three figures and go on to win.

Victims, as predicted, were the Indian Recreation Club, who could only reply with 68 to University's 72. Most successful University bowler was T. H. Leach, who took seven for 32, his best and about his only outstanding bowling performance so far this season.

The same was true of A. el Arcuili, Jr. of IRC whose six wickets for 20 was also by far his best. University just won on better fielding. The result could have easily been reversed if several catches had been held off Arcuili. The University field was again brilliant, Chellah holding an excellent catch in the gully off Leach to dismiss Macfar and Amann another fine one at square leg off J. C. Koh to dismiss Nazarin. Best bowling in the League.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Recreio	7	5	2	0	22
Army	7	4	3	0	17
Scorpions	7	4	1	2	17
Optimists	6	3	2	1	14
University	6	3	2	1	14
RAF	6	2	4	2	12
KCC	7	2	3	2	11
IRC	7	2	3	2	10
Craigengower	8	1	1	6	5
Royal Navy	8	0	2	6	2

Best Performances In Saturday's League Cricket

BATTING	
M. M. Little (Optimists v. KCC)	56*
G. N. Gosano (Recreio v. Navy)	53*
E. C. Fincher (KCC v. Optimists)	45
D. H. Leach (Scorpions v. CCC)	41
F/O M. D. Marshall (RAF v. Army)	37
Sgt. L. D. M. Gail (RAF v. Army)	36
J. M. Gosano (University v. IRC)	31
G. A. Souza (CCC v. Scorpions)	29
A/C J. S. Blum (RAF v. Army)	28
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions v. CCC)	27*

BOWLING	
T. H. Leach (University v. IRC)	7-32
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions v. CCC)	6-8
A. P. Pereira (Recreio v. Navy)	6-14
A. el Arcuili, Jr. (IRC v. University)	6-28
Cpl Hart (Navy v. Recreio)	5-31
A/C D. Graham (RAF v. Army)	4-15
G. Hong Choy (CCC v. Scorpions)	4-38
G. N. Gosano (Recreio v. Navy)	3-13
D. McLellan (Optimists v. KCC)	3-14
A. R. Kitchell (IRC v. University)	3-17
J. C. Koh (University v. IRC)	3-17

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Score	Average
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	7	3	272	55*	58.00
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	6	1	257	110	51.40
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	7	3	183	79	45.75
L. D. Kibbe (Optimists)	7	1	190	65*	40.00
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	6	3	110	28*	36.66
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	6	2	120	67*	30.00
P. M. N. da Silva (Recreio)	7	3	110	33*	27.50
A/C J. S. Blum (RAF)	6	1	102	71	27.42
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	6	2	107	38*	26.75
J. M. Gosano (University)	6	1	185	72*	26.42
M. M. Little (Optimists)	6	1	142	52*	25.40
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	6	1	127	48	23.83
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	5	0	110	64	22.80
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	7	1	137	58*	22.83
E. C. Fincher (KCC)	7	1	152	53*	21.71
F/O M. D. Marshall (RAF)	7	1	147	39	21.00
A. H. Mader (IRC)	6	1	105	48	21.00
Major C. R. Murray Brown (Army)	7	1	146	52*	20.85
G. Hong Choy (Craigengower)	7	1	154	39	19.25
A. Zimmern (KCC)	7	1	129	42	18.42
G. A. Souza (Craigengower)	7	1	107	30*	17.83
S. Ramchand (Craigengower)	8	1	128	20	16.00
A. R. Kitchell (IRC)	7	1	112	39	16.00
F/Lt R. K. Hinchinwood (RAF)	7	1	107	42	15.28

* Not Out.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. Clague (Scorpions)	25.3	0	61	10	5.10
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	19.3	4	61	11	5.54
Cpl Hart (Royal Navy)	32	10	78	13	6.00
Lt. A. Stepto (Army)	63.2	17	128	20	6.40
Gnr D. Banton (Army)	63.4	19	147	21	7.00
Lt. C. L. Jones (Army)	55	17	126	10	7.87
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	55	17	126	10	7.87
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	58.1	18	169	30	8.00
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	75.3	22	104	18	9.11
J. C. Koh (University)	59.5	6	222	22	10.09
T. E. Mahon (Optimists)	65.5	16	194	19	10.21
Cpl A. Hodgson (RAF)	42.5	6	126	12	10.50
E. Howarth (Scorpions)	74	10	202	10	12.82
T. H. Leach (University)	87	21.4	278	21	13.28
F/O E. N. Gammill (RAF)	66	12	200	15	13.33
T. Campbell (Craigengower)	117.8	23	347	25	13.88
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	49.4	3	173	12	14.41
A. H. Mader (IRC)	68.5	11	232	10	14.50
S. M. Teh (University)	75	11	247	12	14.82
F. R. Zimmern (KCC)	68	10	210	15	14.00
R. E. Lee (KCC)	63	0	195	13	15.00
P. J. Billmoria (Craigengower)	112	10	380	25	15.44
C. P. O'Neil (Royal Navy)	64	12	184	11	16.72
A. el Arcuili, Jr. (IRC)	61.2	16	191	10	19.10

Qualification: Batting—100 runs; Bowling—10 wickets.



RUGBY

Not Playing The Game

London, Dec. 12.—Sports writers have been saying some hard things in their columns about the state of Rugby football in Britain and only a few days ago one of them warned that unless the state of the game is improved, it would "die as a major challenger to soccer's grip on players and the public."

The accusation made against Britain's numerous rugby players is that they are not "playing the game" and are deliberately trying to outwit the referee.

One Rugby writer, reporting on a recent Big game in which 14 internationals were playing, and in which there were 23 penalty kicks, wrote: "The game was riddled with deliberate cheating in the form of obstruction, line-out barging and avoidable offside offenses."

There are also accusations against Britain's referees as not being up to standard, thus allowing some players to get away with under the play. Before the war, there was a circular passed round the clubs by the Rugby Union, appealing to members to display greater sportsmanship, and it is suggested that this be done again.

That is one point of view but it may be that the rules are not the players' fault, and that the referees spend most of the match blowing their whistle, or should do so if they are really efficient.—Reuter.

Michigan State Joins Big Nine

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Michigan State was admitted to the Big Nine Football Conference today by a unanimous vote of faculty representatives.

The action was announced by Kenneth Little, new Secretary of the Board of Faculty Representatives. Little said that the Big Nine representatives voted unanimously that "Michigan State should be admitted, admission to take effect at such time as the Committee of Faculty Representatives should have certified to the Conference that rules and regulations of the Conference are completely enforced at the institution."

University of Pittsburgh, which also sought admission after the withdrawal of the University of Chicago, renewed its application for membership today.—United Press.

Citation Wins Tanforan H'cap

San Bruno, California, Dec. 12.—America's champion three-year-old, Citation, starting at 20 to 1 on favorite, won the \$50,000 Tanforan Handicap here yesterday by five lengths.

Citation, by Bull Lea out of Hydroplane, ran the one and a quarter miles in 2m. 2 4/5 secs., breaking the course record by three-fifths of a second.

The Australian champion, Shannon II, had earlier been withdrawn from the race because his new owners considered he could not carry 127 pounds while Citation carried only 123 pounds.—Reuter.

Negro All-Stars In Manila

Manila, Dec. 13.—The San Francisco Sea Lions, 21-man all-negro baseball team, arrived in Manila yesterday aboard a Philippine Air Lines plane to play a series of 16 games here, beginning December 19.

The club came at the invitation of Charles "Chick" Parsons, President of the Manila Baseball League.—United Press.

Table Tennis

London, Dec. 12.—Richard Bergmann of London, the world table tennis champion, the Welsh open singles title for the second year in succession when at Cardiff on Saturday night he defeated B. Casanov of Manchester 21-10, 22-20, 21-17, and 21-17 in the final.

The women's singles was taken by Miss Trudy Fildes of Australia, former world champion, who beat Miss P. Frank of London 21-13, 21-10 in the final.—Associated Press.

A VEXING PROBLEM IN ALL SPORTS TODAY

The Dividing Line Between Dope And Stimulants

ONE MAY EVEN FROWN AT HALF-TIME LEMONS By VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 12.—Officials of the turf, greyhound racing and now even athletics, are continually being exercised with the problem of determining what is an artificial stimulant and how far it should be allowed or forbidden.

The dividing line between dope and a stimulant is almost as narrow and vexed as that between an amateur and a professional.

One could say that the sucking of a lemon or an orange at halftime in an amateur football match is an artificial stimulant even though it does not come into the same category as the taking of strychnine.

But between the orange and the real drugs like strychnine, caffeine and cocaine there comes the minor "drugs" or rather "aids to success" like sugar in its various forms.

There was an uproar when it was discovered that members of the Soviet Dynamo soccer team were taking "pills" to give them greater endurance but it was all a storm in a teacup for, when analysed (some sleuth managed to get hold of one), they were found to be little more than sugar.

CHAMPAGNE

Boxers before now have been given champagne to liven them up when flagging towards the end of a fight and in innumerable ways many sportsmen have taken for granted something which they feel will give them a better chance of victory.

The doping of horses and greyhounds goes on the world over, but as with humans there are those who administer these stimulants who would contend that they are not really drugs in the proper sense of the word but medicine to give the animal, who may be of colour, a chance to perform a little better. And so the battle of who goes on. It is all a question of how far the flagging limbs and spirit may be boosted by artificial means.

WHO SAID "DOPE"?

They think nothing of it and would be horrified if one suggested they were doping themselves, but it is not a far cry to taking something stronger.

I remember more than 20 years ago a very famous runner, who shall be nameless, taking his own pills before going out on the track and as he was a doctor by profession, who can say what he had in them.

It seemed to be common knowledge that he took them, but nothing was ever done about it.

However, cycling officials have recently become very agitated about what has been going on in their sport with riders taking all kinds of stimulants to ensure success.

DIVIDING LINE

Another sideline to this doping business is the view that it's all right if you take something to make you win but all wrong if you take something to make you lose. That is often the view expressed by the race-horse or greyhound trainer who gives his charge the "needles."

But this is ridiculous, as one is just as much a crime as the other, especially in gambling sports.

It might, however, be said that human considerations aside (for obviously the giving of drugs is physically good for no beast), to prevent a horse or dog winning is a greater sin than doping it to win.

Although both forms are known on the racetrack and dog-track, happily there has not yet been found an instance where a human has been got at to lose. It is the very fact that, once artificial stimulants are winked at, there is no knowing where it may end and that is causing athletic officials to watch this serious matter very closely.—Reuter.

THE WEEK-END SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

South China 33 USS Tarawa 26

FOOTBALL

GOVERNOR'S CUP

HKFA 6 CAAF 1

FIRST DIVISION

Chinese AA	1	8. China "A"	2
Kitchee	2	Army	1
S. China "B"	1	St Joseph's	1
RAF	0	KMB	0

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
S. China "A"	0	0	0	0	30	18
KMB	10	8	0	2	22	16
Chinese AA	10	6	1	3	20	13
Kitchee	11	6	1	4	24	13
Navy	11	5	1	5	20	11
St Joseph's	9	4	2	3	20	14
Eastern	9	4	2	3	20	17
S. China "B"	10	3	3	4	24	9
Club	9	3	1	5	16	7
Police	7	2	3	15	10	6
RAF	8	1	1	6	10	3
Navy	11	1	1	9	20	3
Kwong Wah	9	0	1	8	10	1

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Club	0	0	0	0	0	4
Police	2	0	0	0	0	1
Army (K'n)	3	0	0	0	0	0
South China	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dockyard	2	0	0	0	0	0
FCA	1	0	0	0	0	1

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Chinese AA	14	12	0	2	15	24
South China	13	11	1	1	39	23
KMB	11	9	2	0	50	20
Chinese AA	11	8	1	2	24	17
Kitchee	13	8	1	4	37	17
Army (HK)	10	7	1	2	31	16
Tramways	11	6	2	3	26	14
Police	11	3	4	4	21	10
St Joseph's	12	4	1	7	21	9
Club	12	4	1	7	21	9
Dockyard	13	4	0	9	31	8
WD Chinese	13	3	2	8	20	8
FCA	10	3	1	7	18	8
Talkoo	9	2	0	7	15	4
Solidators	12	0	2	10	10	4
University	11	0	1	10	0	4

HOCKEY

Army	2	Dutch HO	0
Police	2	RAF	0
C & W	5	Civil Service	0
Khalasa	5	Dockyard RC	0
Recreio	7	YMCA	0

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Recrelo	11	10	1	0	44	32	15
Army	10	0	8	1	134	10	15
Royal Navy	9	6	2	1	117	12	14
Khalsa	9	0	1	2	19	7	13
University	10	5	1	4	30	16	11
Civil Service	9	4	1	4	26	22	9
Police	0	4	1	4	12	18	9
Dutch HC	11	4	1	6	15	22	9
RAF	11	3	1	7	20	27	7
C & W	11	2	0	9	11	43	4
YMCA	6	1	0	5	4	21	2
Dockyard RC	10	1	0	9	11	42	2

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS?

Newspaperman's Review

(John Roderick, who recently completed three years of reporting in China, gives his views here of the Chinese war. Roderick spent six months in caves at the Chinese Communist capital at Yenan. He is now in the Middle East on a new assignment.)

By JOHN RODERICK

Beirut, Dec. 12.—Who are the Chinese Communists? What is their aim? Who are their leaders? Are they tied closely to Russia?

Though they control an area nearly as large as Europe, little is known of them.

This writer went to Yenan in November, 1945, and spent a total of six months there just before Yenan fell. Yenan is a cave city set in the Loess hills of northwest China, remote from civilisation.

Yet from this town, the leaders of Chinese Communists directed political and military operations extending as far northeast as Manchuria, a 1,000 miles away, and as far south as Canton and Hongkong.

The brain behind this large design was the political bureau of the Party's Central Committee, headed by Chairman Mao Tse-tung. It made its orders known by radio, by courier and by indoctrination.

DIGNITY AND SOFTNESS

I first met Mao at the staffed the Communist built to accommodate American planes during the war against Japan. He is a big man, combining dignity with a curious softness. His massive head, set on sloping shoulders, is topped by a mass of straight black hair. His face is waxlike in its whiteness. He rarely smiles. His ordinary dress is simple, often the patched jacket and trousers of the Shensi peasant. He easily is the dominant personality in the company of extraordinary individuals.

During the weeks which followed, I talked often with Mao and other Communist leaders. They affirmed and re-affirmed that their chief goal was participation in a coalition Government for all China.

This appears to be their aim today, except that the Communists formerly were willing to share power with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Nationalist Kuomintang party he heads. Now they are intent upon destroying both. Their avowed object now is to rule with what they call "other liberal parties" as partners.

In internal policies, the Chinese Communists say they are independent of Russia and have clashed with Moscow over the line to follow.

BREAK WITH STALIN

Mao first broke with Prime Minister Stalin in the early 1930s. Mao refused to base his revolution on workers, and turned instead to peasants. Though he put many farm reforms into practice, the programme is without question imbued with the Communist doctrine of Stalin and Lenin.

The party's avowed intent, however, is to reach Communism by gradual stages, passing first through phases of capitalism to develop the nation's resources and then to co-operative ownership and finally into full socialism.

Though the party may follow an independent line nationally, its foreign outlook is almost identical with Russia's.

When Russia opposes the United States and Britain, it does also. If Moscow suddenly launches a peace offensive, the hostile propaganda of the Chinese Communists falls off and is replaced with conciliatory gestures.

ANTI-AMERICAN

American aid to the Nationalists has intensified opposition to the United States. Moscow is kept fully informed of the Chinese Communist moves.

Militarily, however, there is little known evidence that the Soviets have contributed very heavily to the Chinese Communists, except for the quantity of Japanese arms the Russians left behind when they quit Manchuria. This is not to say that the Soviets would hesitate to come to their assistance.

Should the Communists take over the government, there is a prospect for a period of co-operation with the Western Democracies as well as with Russia.

This might approximate the recent history of Albania, which first welcomed American representatives and treated them with courtesy. The hard fact of Albania's government was that Russia stepped in and Albania, backed by her mighty patron, got tough.

Whether the Chinese Communists would follow such a line is a question to which Washington and other anti-Communist capitals would like the answer. They don't know.

To Stand Trial For War Crimes

Manila, Dec. 13.—Former

Lieut-General Shigenori Kuroda, one-time commander-in-chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines, was arraigned on war crimes charges by a Military Commission headed by the Deputy Chief of Staff, Brig-General Calixto Duque, of the Philippine armed forces, at 9 this morning.

The highest Filipino and American officials, including President Quirino and the United States charge d'affaires (Mr. Thomas Lockett), have been invited to witness the arraignment of the last surviving overall commander of the Japanese forces in the Philippines, who is charged with responsibility for the torture and death of Filipinos and Americans at the hands of forces under his command.

DEATH OF POWS

Kuroda's case is divided into two phases—American and Filipino. In the American phase, Kuroda will stand trial for command responsibility for the killing of more than 700 American prisoners of war. S. Melville Hussey and Robert Port of SCAP's Legal Section will handle the prosecution of the American phase, which involves 22 counts.

Three Philippine Army officers, headed by Captain N. Maronilla Seva, will handle prosecution of the lengthier Filipino phase. Three Philippine Army officers, headed by Captain Pedro Serran, will defend Kuroda.

The trial will open on December 17.—United Press.

NEHRU TO VISIT HYDERABAD

New Delhi, Dec. 12.—Pandit Nehru will pay his first visit as Prime Minister of India to Hyderabad State on Christmas Eve, it was learned today.

He will stay there two days and will meet the Nizam. Pandit Nehru will also address a public meeting and broadcast from Hyderabad, according to New Delhi Radio.—Reuter.

Czechs Acquitted

Prague, Dec. 12.—Sixteen of 43 people on trial here for activities against the State have been acquitted, the others being sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two years to hard labour for life. It was disclosed here today.

Most of the accused were said to have harboured or failed to expose "terrorists" sent into the country by "treacherous exiles now in Germany."—Reuter.

Three Marines were booked for investigation in Oakland, Calif., following an attempted tavern hold-up. When police responded to an alarm Bartender Albert Facchini (right), guarded by Patrolman Calvin Clayton, broke loose from the trio. Police, thinking he was a bandit trying to escape, shot him in the leg. Marine Melvin Davis, 20, of San Andreas, Calif., (left), guarded by Patrolman Ray Pierce, was shot in the hand by Police who said Davis was reaching for a pistol.—AP Picture.

Purchase Of Airways Co.

AOA Absorbed By Pan-American

New York, Dec. 12.—The Pan-American World Airways today concluded an agreement to purchase the American Overseas Airways effective December 31.

American Overseas has been in direct competition with Pan-American on flights between Europe and the United States. Pan-American will acquire the Trans-Atlantic airline in return for Pan-American stock. The AOA will distribute these stocks to its stockholders and will then be dissolved.

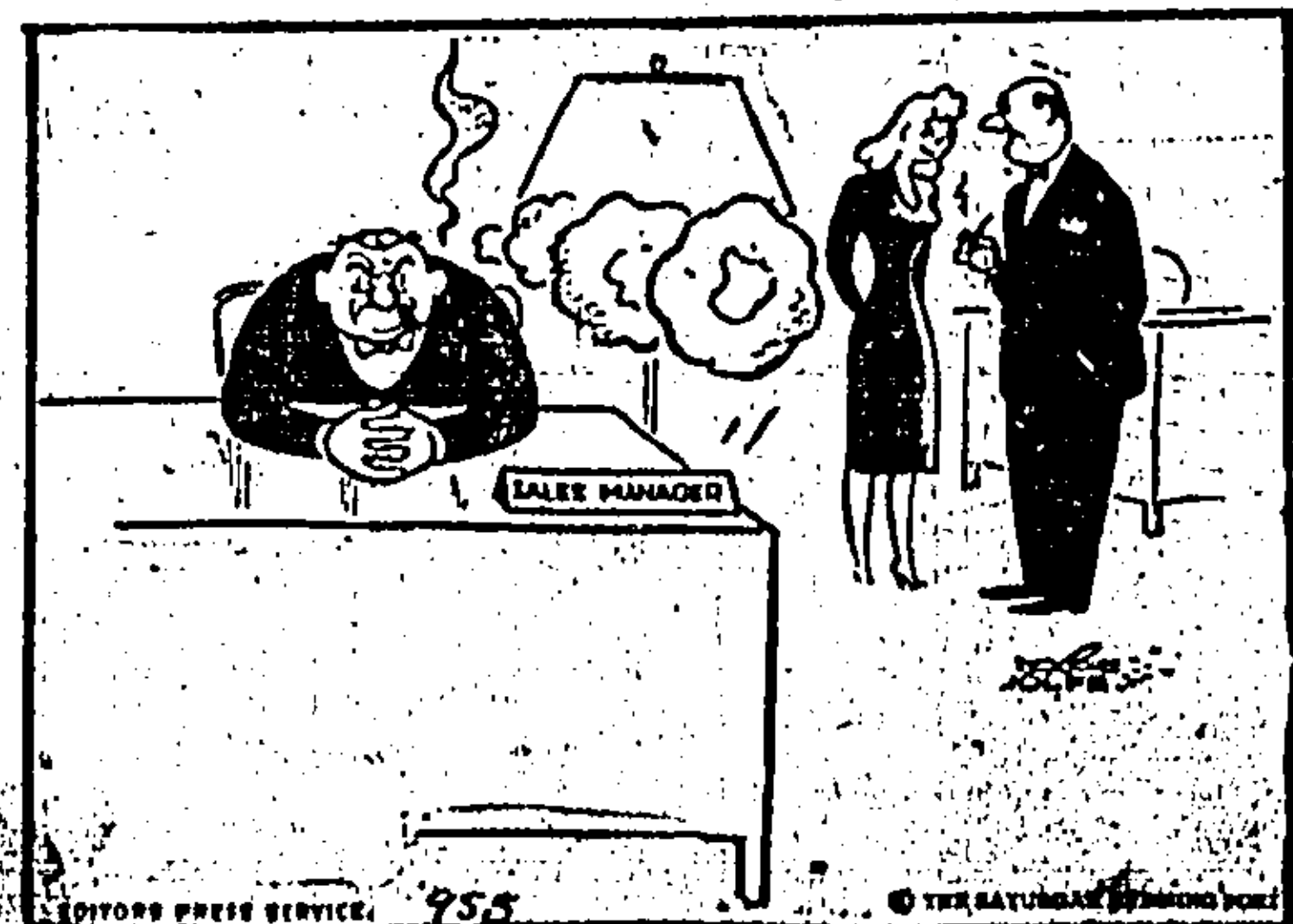
A joint announcement issued by Pan-American and American Overseas made it clear that the purchase is subject to approval by the Civil Aeronautics Board and stockholders of the two companies. It was announced that the amount of stock that Pan-American will give to the AOA will be determined by independent auditors on the basis of AOA assets and liabilities as of December 31.—United Press.

Another Soviet Warning

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The Russians on Saturday issued their second warning in little more than a month that they would force down any aircraft improperly marked or engaged in "disorderly" flights over the Soviet zone.

Lt. General G. S. Lutjantschenko, Soviet Chief of Staff in Germany, sent the new warning to Brig. General Charles K. Galley, the American Chief of Staff. General Lutjantschenko indicated he was not happy about the way the first complaint was received.

In answer to the original complaint the Americans and British said that all their transports are properly marked and their pilots operate under orders to stay in the corridors.—Associated Press.



Mexicans—A Nation Of Dwarfs 50 Years Hence

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—Mexico will be a nation of dwarfs within half a century, Dr. Francisco de P. Miranda, Mexican nutrition specialist fears. The doctor said the nation must increase its protein intake or be content with growing down.

The nation's diet as a whole is definitely sub-standard, Dr. Miranda said. Mexicans currently are eating worse than even the war-torn nations of Europe, he added. The Mexican diet figures out to 1,657 calories a day. Dr. Miranda said, while the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation estimates that a diet of as little as 2,400 calories a day is close to the danger point.

THREE DEFICIENCIES

"The three principal diet deficiencies of the Mexican people are lack of protein, riboflavin and niacin," Dr. Miranda said. Lack of protein restricts growth, lack of riboflavin lowers the growth factor even further and lack of niacin makes the average Mexican susceptible to pellagra, a skin eruption with severe constitutional and nervous symptoms, the doctor explained.

He pointed out that "in its depths, the problem is economic." The average Mexican farmer, if he has a cow or chickens, must sell his milk and eggs to live. If he has corn or wheat fields, he has to market the grains.

The doctor said that "the main item on the Mexican daily menu is corn, consumed in the form of tortillas, a thin, unleavened corn bread baked on a hot stone or piece of sheet metal. And there is less than half a pound, 216 grams, of that."

TWO OUNCES A WEEK

Then Dr. Miranda said, comes about half a glass of milk, followed by 69 grams of wheat flour, 47 grams of sugar, 22 grams of beans and 11 grams of beef. The beef, for example, the doctor said, adds up to one small, 2-plus ounce steak per week. The average Mexican consumes about half as many calories as a person in the United States.

Dr. Miranda said because of diet deficiencies, Mexicans are always cold. The farmer wears his "gavina," or blanket with a hole in the middle, and the big city labourer wears his overcoat or jacket even on sunny days because "they are undernourished."

Also, he said, the high general mortality rate, the high infant mortality rate and deaths even from diseases that were once considered minor are indications of the poor nutritive state of a large sector of the population.

"Without raising our food levels, we will be a little people in 50 years more," he concluded.—United Press.

Summoned Before The Diet

Tokyo, Dec. 12.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, was summoned today before the Diet Investigation Committee here following charges by a Social Democrat, Mr. Shizue Kato, that he had accepted a 1,000,000 yen bribe in what is known as the Commerce and Industry Ministry textile scandal.

Mr. Yoshida acknowledged receipt of the money which was used as party funds. He (Mr. Yoshida) is expected to be summoned before the Committee again tomorrow.—Reuter.

GUERRILLAS FLEE

Saligon, Dec. 12.—French air and land units were tonight pursuing the remnants of a "Vietminh" (Indo-Chinese) autonomy movement guerrilla force which, with naval aid, they had driven from a stronghold in the Gocong Delta, 16 miles from here.

The military authorities tonight confirmed that orders would be given to local commanders to observe Christmas truces.—Reuter.

Wounded In Hold-Up



Wife Becomes A Sleuth

Milwaukee, Dec. 12.—The judge complimented Mrs. Mary Radmer on her sleuthing after awarding her a divorce.

Mrs. Radmer told how she took a ride with her husband, Edward, 51, and his woman friend, unbeknown to them. After several stops at eating and drinking places, Radmer parked his car.

The ensuing conversation went like this:

"Did you love your wife?"
"At first I did."
"Did she love you?"
"At first she did."
"What happened?"
"I don't know. You'll have to ask her."

At this point Mrs. Radmer popped up from the rear floor.
"You're right here," she said. "I can tell you."—United Press.

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